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things you said. I heard you when you were talking to your friends. I heard the jokes that you told, so why would I come to you? You're the last place I can go when you ought to be the first place. Then you know what families invariably will do and what their reaction is? Oh, my God, what about me? How are people going...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to think of me? Well, now if you feel so upset about the attitude of society toward you because you have a family member who is gay, imagine the gay person who has to live under that set of circumstances. So I'm saying that this bill, as the first line of my statement of intent says, stated simply, LB 19 is nothing less than a plea for human dignity and social justice. I hope you will support this bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, are there amendments?

CLERK: There are, Madam President. The first by Senator Beutler, AM3688. (Legislative Journal page 1718.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, I support the bill and offer this as a friendly amendment. The antidiscrimination statutes of the state of Nebraska are basically and almost entirely contained within the Employment Nondiscrimination Act and it is this broad piece of legislation that Senator Chambers is seeking to amend to include sexual orientation. Off to the side of that and existing from the year 1943 was this old law that I passed around to you and you can read it as well as I, but it basically says that it's unlawful for any person, firm or corporation engaged to any extent whatsoever in the state of Nebraska in the production, manufacture or distribution of military or naval material, equipment or supplies, either for the state of Nebraska or the government of the United States, to refuse to employ any person in any capacity, if said person is a citizen and is qualified,